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PRESS RELEASE

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Date/Time of Release: February 4, 2005 / 2 PM
Date/Time of Occurrence: February 4, 2005 / 2:18 AM
Nature of Call: Homicide: **Victim Identified as Boyfriend of Suspect's Daughter.**
Location of Call: 1300 block of Martin Drive, Auburn
Case Number: SO-05-1917
Released by: George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The homicide victim has been identified as Michael Allen Watson, 47, of Auburn. Watson rented a duplex unit on the property on Martin Drive and Cecil McLaughlin resided in a camper behind the duplex. Watson was the boyfriend of McLaughlin's daughter.

Sometime between 8 PM and 10 PM on February 3, McLaughlin and Watson became involved in a discussion about McLaughlin's daughter. The discussion escalated and culminated in McLaughlin shooting Watson.



At 2:18 AM, Cecil McLaughlin, 68, spoke with a dispatcher by phone and said he had shot and killed a man at his home on the 1300 block of Martin Drive in the unincorporated area of Auburn. McLaughlin was calling from a restaurant on Auburn Ravine Road. McLaughlin stayed on the phone and waited for deputies to contact him. Other deputies responded to McLaughlin's residence and confirmed that Michael Allen Watson, 47, was deceased. Investigators are still conducting interviews to determine McLaughlin's activities between the time of the shooting and the time he called the sheriff's department.

McLaughlin was arrested and booked at the Placer County Jail on the charge of Murder.

Cecil McLaughlin

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